

What is claimed is:

1. A pharmaceutical composition comprising metformin, a statin, and one or more pharmaceutically acceptable excipients.
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2. A pharmaceutical composition according to claim 1, wherein the statin is selected from the group consisting of lovastatin, fluvastatin, atorvastatin, simvastatin, pravastatin, itavastatin and rosuvastatin.
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3. A pharmaceutical composition according to claim 1 or 2, wherein metformin is in the form of a salt selected from the group consisting of the hydrochloride, acetate, benzoate, citrate, fumarate, embonate, chlorophenoxyacetate, glycolate, palmoate, aspartate, methanesulphonate, maleate, parachlorophenoxyisobutyrate, formate, lactate, succinate, sulphate, tartrate, cyclohexanecarboxylate, hexanoate, 15 octanoate, decanoate, hexadecanoate, octodecanoate, benzenesulphonate, trimethoxybenzoate, paratoluenesulphonate, adamantane carboxylate, glycoxylate, glutamate, pyrrolidonecarboxylate, naphthalenesulphonate, 1-glucosephosphate, nitrate, sulphite, dithionate and phosphate.
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4. A pharmaceutical composition according to any of claims 1 to 3, wherein metformin is in the form of a salt selected from the group consisting of the hydrochloride, fumarate, embonate, and chlorophenoxyacetate.
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5. A pharmaceutical composition according to any of claims 1 to 4, wherein the statin is in the form of a salt selected from the group consisting of the sodium ion, potassium ion, magnesium ion, calcium ion, and an ammonium cation such as tetramethylammonium ion.
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6. A pharmaceutical composition according to any of claims 1 to 5, wherein said composition contains from 0.1 to 100 mg of a statin.

7. A pharmaceutical composition according to any of claims 1 to 6, wherein said composition contains from 200 to 2000 mg of metformin.
8. A pharmaceutical composition according to any of claims 1 to 7, wherein the weight ratio of statin to metformin is in the range of about 1:2 to about 1:20000.
9. A pharmaceutical composition according to any of claims 1 to 8, wherein said composition is in the form of powders, tablets, coated tablets, dragees, troches, lozenges, dispersible granules, capsules or sachets.
10. 10. A pharmaceutical composition according to any of claims 1 to 8, wherein said composition is in the form of a solution, a suspension or an emulsion.
11. 11. A pharmaceutical composition according to any of claims 1 to 10, wherein the pharmaceutical composition is a controlled-release composition.
12. 12. A composition comprising metformin and a statin for use as an active therapeutic product.
- 20 13. Use of metformin and a statin in the manufacture of a pharmaceutical composition for the prevention, inhibition or treatment of hyperglycaemia, non insulin dependent diabetes, dyslipidaemia, hyperlipidemia, hypercholesterolemia, obesity or cardiovascular diseases.
- 25 14. Use according to claim 13, wherein the pharmaceutical composition is administered orally.
- 30 15. Use of metformin and a statin in the manufacture of a kit comprising metformin, or one of its pharmaceutically acceptable salts, and a statin, or one of its pharmaceutically acceptable salts, for the simultaneous co-administration of metformin and the statin.

16. Use according to one of claims 13 to 15 in the manufacture of a pharmaceutical composition for controlling or decreasing glycaemia in non insulin dependent diabetes subjects.